Celebrating The Life of

Namon Arthur West Jr.

Sunrise 06-21-1950 Sunset 12-02-2010

-Services -

Friday, December 17, 2010 11:00a.m.

Wilson & Kratzer Mortuary
Civic Center Chapel
455 24th St - Richmond, CA 94804

Officiating-Rev. Eric Morris

Remembering. . . .

Namon Arthur West Jr.

Namon Arthur West Jr. was born to the proud parents Namon Arthur West Sr. and Frances Irene West whom both preceded him in death. Namon Arthur West Jr. grew up in Richmond, CA. He attended Stege Elementary School, Granada Jr. High School and Graduated from El Cerrito High in 1968 where he excelled in Football, Baseball and Track. He then attended Contra Costa College in San Pablo , CA .

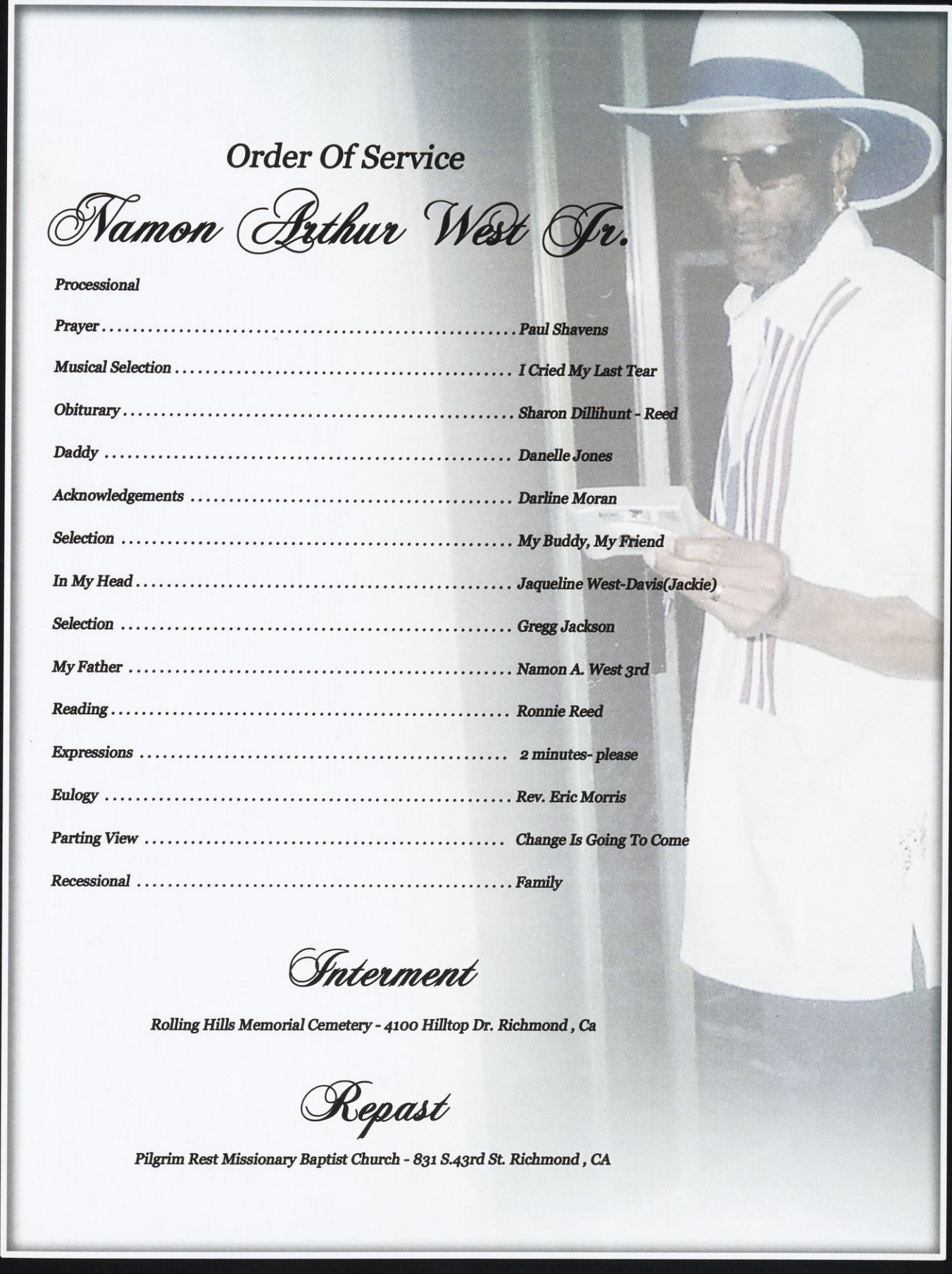
During Namon's younger adult years he loved his sports and played baseball for Chocalate City and Swahili where he was known as Legs Diamond. Namons first job was with General Motors in Fremont , CA . His last job was with Curtis and Tompkins Laboratory in which he was very proud of. If you ever came to visit him at work he would take you all around and introduce you to everyone. He even joined their softball team and encouraged one of his sons to play on the team with him.

Namon was an immaculate dresser and loved to dress from his hats to his shoes. Everyone can attest to this! He also had a love and passion for his music and we are sure you shared memories of a few of his favorites: Always- Stylistics, Olivia Lost & Found & As I Sit-The Whispers, Be Thankful for What You Get-William DeVaungh, Back Down Memory Lane-Minnie Repperton, Close to You-Bobby Womack, and Forever Mackin by the Isley Bros.

Growing up in a house full of Sisters Namon was spoiled rotten. He loved his sisters and was very protective over them and would often get into fights behind them. In the West home he was known as Man Boy. He was a for sure ladies man, the phone never stopped ringing. He was a real " Playa Playa ", Mr. Valentino. Not quite sure what was in the milk he drank or if it was a lack of birth control in the 70's as you see all of his children he left behind. He was overly protective of all of his children and grandchildren and had a special relationship and bond with each one of them as he did with all his family. He was not just a father to them he was a buddy and a friend.

Namon leaves to cherish his memories his wife Carrie Mae Monroe West , 8 children-3 Daughters- Lejuanna and Shantee West & Namonda West-Vanhook all of Rich, CA. 5 Sons Namon R. West, Dameion D. West (Preceded in death),Namon A. West III, Dominic D. and Dominee D.West all of Rich, CA 2 Step Sons Edward Miller of Stockton, CA and Castine Bridges of Rich, CA & 1 God Son Namon Ford of Oakland, CA and 2 Step Daughters Prasona Butcher-Hunt and Iris Murray both of Richmond, CA 14 grandchildren Terrell Graves Jr., Lamonte Williams, Derrisha Owens, Larry Neal, Ramon West, Armand Wade, Namon A.West 4th, Diamond West, Michael Vanhook Jr., Sanai Vanhook , Ca'Mya Bridges, Ca'Maria Bridges, Triston and Trevon West and 2 Great-Grand children Terrell Graves 3rd and NaLoni Graves. 3 sisters Shirley West-Webster of Antioch CA, Yvonne West -Jones of Vallejo, CA & Jacqueline West-Davis(Levy Davis Jr.) of El Sobrante, CA and a God Brother Kevin Sockwell. 3 Nephews - Foster Ward III , Anthony Webster(preceded in death), and Warren Robinson(preceded in death . 5 nieces –Angela West-Townsend, Danelle Jones, Danielle Jones, Ladana Jones & Semaya West and Special Cousin s Hoover Ivan Brown, Kevin Brown, Sharon Dillihunt - Reed, and Ronnie Reed. Namon has remained really good friends with the mothers of his children Darline Moran(ex-wife), Andrea Elaine Kelly and Karen Young and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

And to the mothers of his children the West Sisters would like to thank you for leaving a piece of Namon behind in all his beautiful children.



Order Of Service

Namon Arthur West Jr.

Processional

Prayer ..... *Paul Shavens*

Musical Selection ..... *I Cried My Last Tear*

Obiturary ..... *Sharon Dillihunt - Reed*

Daddy ..... *Danelle Jones*

Acknowledgements ..... *Darline Moran*

Selection ..... *My Buddy, My Friend*

In My Head ..... *Jaqueline West-Davis(Jackie)*

Selection ..... *Gregg Jackson*

My Father ..... *Namon A. West 3rd*

Reading ..... *Ronnie Reed*

Expressions ..... *2 minutes- please*

Eulogy ..... *Rev. Eric Morris*

Parting View ..... *Change Is Going To Come*

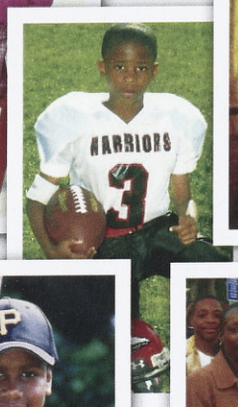
Recessional ..... *Family*

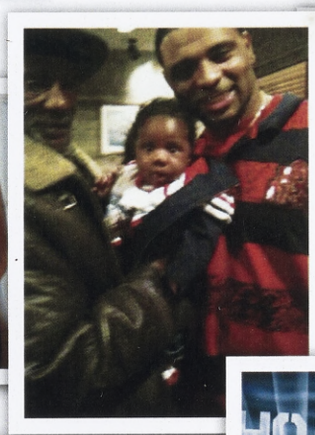
Interment

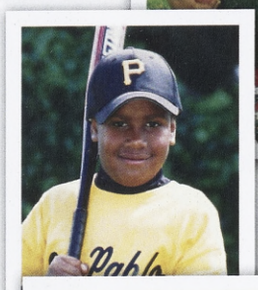
Rolling Hills Memorial Cemetery - 4100 Hilltop Dr. Richmond , Ca

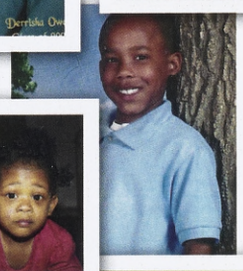
Repast

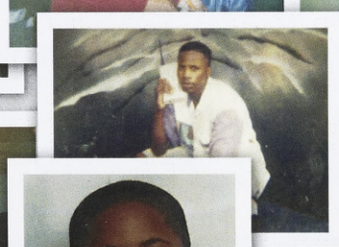
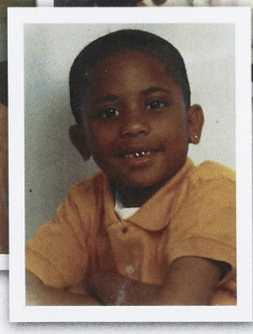
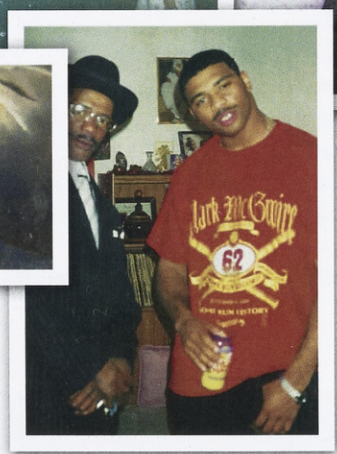
Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church - 831 S.43rd St. Richmond , CA

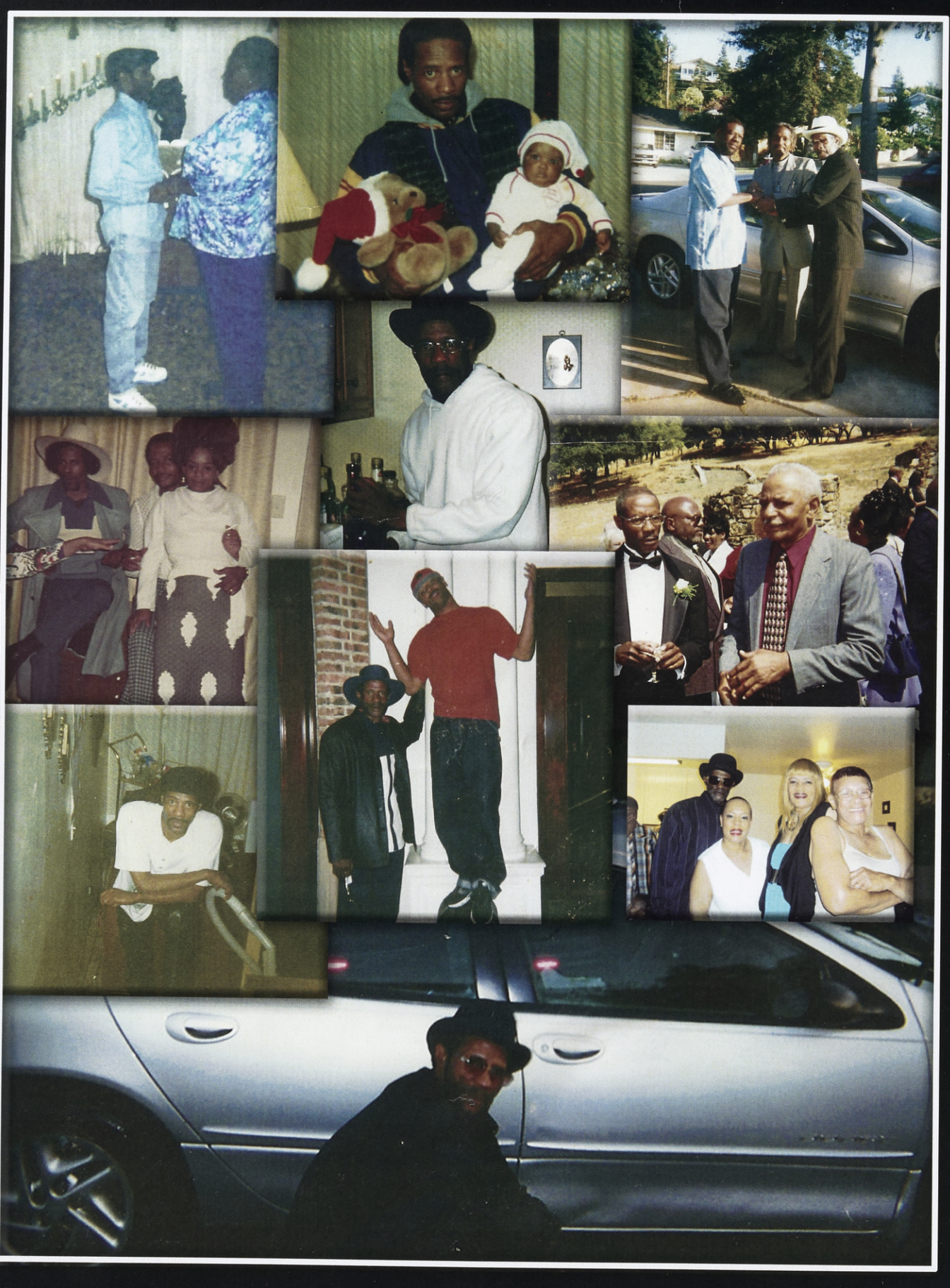


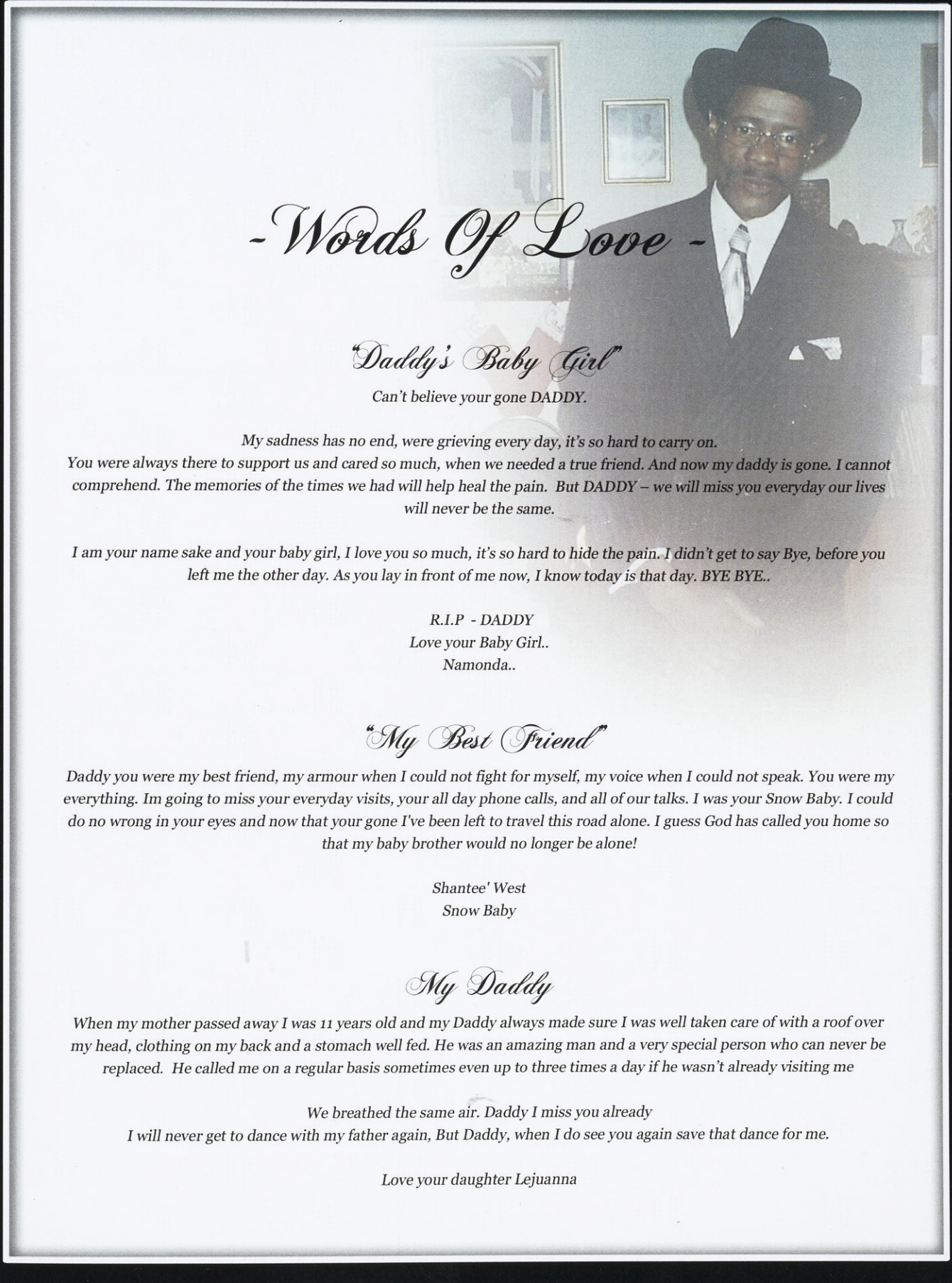










-Words Of Love -

"Daddy's Baby Girl"

Can't believe your gone DADDY.

My sadness has no end, were grieving every day, it's so hard to carry on.
You were always there to support us and cared so much, when we needed a true friend. And now my daddy is gone. I cannot comprehend. The memories of the times we had will help heal the pain. But DADDY – we will miss you everyday our lives will never be the same.

I am your name sake and your baby girl, I love you so much, it's so hard to hide the pain. I didn't get to say Bye, before you left me the other day. As you lay in front of me now, I know today is that day. BYE BYE..

R.I.P - DADDY
Love your Baby Girl..
Namonda..

"My Best Friend"

Daddy you were my best friend, my armour when I could not fight for myself, my voice when I could not speak. You were my everything. Im going to miss your everyday visits, your all day phone calls, and all of our talks. I was your Snow Baby. I could do no wrong in your eyes and now that your gone I've been left to travel this road alone. I guess God has called you home so that my baby brother would no longer be alone!

Shantee' West
Snow Baby

My Daddy

When my mother passed away I was 11 years old and my Daddy always made sure I was well taken care of with a roof over my head, clothing on my back and a stomach well fed. He was an amazing man and a very special person who can never be replaced. He called me on a regular basis sometimes even up to three times a day if he wasn't already visiting me

We breathed the same air. Daddy I miss you already
I will never get to dance with my father again, But Daddy, when I do see you again save that dance for me.

Love your daughter Lejuanna

Honorary Pallbearers

Castine Bridges
Terrell Graves, Jr.
Fontino Hardy Jr.
Namon Ford
Ronnie Reed
Willie McCray
Levy Davis Jr.
Kenny Lewis
Michael Vanhook, Sr.
Namon West, III
Larry Neal, Jr.
Dominic West
Dominee West
John Palmer Sr.
John Palmer Jr.
Kevin Brown
Hoover Ivan Brown
Ronnie Reed
Willie McCray
Levy Davis Jr.
Andre Williams
Namon R. West

Active Pallbearers

Willie Boyd
James Lincoln
Frank Holloway
Lamont Williams
Ronald Tigner Sr.(Spud)
Larry Smith

The lord is my light and my salvation who shall I fear? The lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid
Psalms 27:1

Expressions of Gratitude

The family wishes to extend their most heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of love and kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Your kindness has been a source of strength and will be remembered. It is our prayer that our heavenly father will bless each of you.

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